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27 October 1954

OFFSHORE ISLAND DEVELOPMENTS

- I. Quemoy activity in past weeks limited to sporadic Communist shelling, "frogmen" raids.

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- B. Nationalists say troops recently moved to Amoy Island--could be defensive or staging for attack.

- II. At Tachens, more Communist planes patrolling (first bombers spotted 16 October).

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- A. Communist landing reported on undefended islands near Pishan (40 miles SW Tachens). Communist artillery also nearby: suggests possible attack.
  - B. Only 1,500 Nationalist guerrillas on Pishan--island easy to take but of little value.

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A. Location not known. May include landing craft, possibly submarines.

B. Advent winter monsoons imminent, but effect on Communists not certain. Weather good in stretches during winter and attacks could come at any time.